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News Release

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Explore Flagstaff's Beautiful Landscapes with a Roving Ranger and Friends

Summer programming is going strong with many fun hikes and programs taking place! The Roving Rangers conduct free ranger-led programs including beautiful, exciting guided walks in Flagstaff's three local national monuments, walks throughout the hidden trails of the Coconino National Forest, and weekend evening programs at three local campgrounds, to mention just a few. These programs are a fun and entertaining way to learn about and experience the great outdoors and meet new friends! Come explore with us today! Programs will take place through early September.

Let your summer fun begin!

July Programs:

Friday, July 17th: Campground Evening Program: Porcupines, Ponderosas, & Pfires.

- 8:00pm; located at the Forest Service, Bonito Campground Amphitheater.
- Come join ranger Bill Wade for a great slideshow presentation about the 3P's.
- Approximately 45 minutes in length.
- Seating provided.
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Kid friendly.

Friday, July 17th: Campground Evening Program- Volcanoes of North America.

- 8:00pm; located at the Forest Service, Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.
- Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings!
- Program conducted by volunteer park ranger Eric Zeliff.
- Approximately 45 minutes in length.
- Seating provided.
- Wheelchair accessible.

- Kid friendly.

Saturday, July 18th: Dairy Springs Guided Walk: Life in the Ponderosa Pines

- 3:00pm; meet at the Forest Service, Dairy Springs Campground Amphitheater.
- Come discover the forest's plants, animals, and overall health.
- 45 minutes in length.
- Walk is 0.5 miles.
- This natural history walk takes place through a beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest and riparian habitat of the Dairy Springs.
- Easy, kid friendly walk.

Saturday, July 18th: Campground Evening Program: Born to be Big.

- 8:00pm; located at the Forest Service, Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.
- Come join ranger Marilyn Halker to learn about the giants of the forest, the Wapiti. Elk are one of the largest species in the deer family, and one of the largest mammals in North America! Come learn more!
- Approximately 45 minutes in length.
- Seating provided, wheelchair accessible, and kid friendly.

Saturday, July 18th: Astronomy Program: Our Wondrous Night Sky

- All events take place at the Walnut Canyon National Monument visitor center.
- Solar telescope viewing from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.
- Astronomy presentation from 8:00pm – 8:45pm.
- Telescope viewing and constellation tours from 8:45pm – 10:30pm.
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Kid friendly.

Friday, July 24th: Guided Hike: Aspen Loop/AZ Trail

- 9:00am–12:30pm; a fun guided hike along the Arizona Trail with interpreters Chelsea Schroeder and Marilyn Halker.
- Enjoy great views and spring flowers on this moderate 4-mile out and back hike.
- Call 928-527-8238 with questions.
- Meet in the parking lot for Humphreys Trail just below Hart Prairie Lodge near the top of Snowbowl Road.

Friday, July 24th: Campground Evening Program: Hummingbirds of Arizona

- 8:00pm; located at the Forest Service, Bonito Campground Amphitheater.
- Learn about the tiniest bird in North America and a personal encounter in nature with a Broad-Tail Hummingbird, by Rick Ruess.
- 45 minutes in length.
- Seating provided.
- Wheelchair accessible
- Kid friendly.

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Saturday, July 25th: Mormon Lake Lodge Presentation: A Tale about Ringtails

- 9:30am; come attend a gripping tale about Arizona's state mammal, and find out where they live and when they come out!
- Meet Ranger Chelsea Schroeder at the Mormon Lake Lodge Presentation Room.
- 45 minutes in length.
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Saturday, July 25th: Campground Evening Program: What's that up in the sky tonight?

- 8:00pm, located at the Forest Service, Bonito Campground Amphitheater.
- Come take a look at the wonders of our galaxy you can see in the night sky. Bring your eagle eyes, or binoculars if you have them, and prepare to be amazed!

- This 45-minute entertaining talk will teach you how to look for and find the wonders of our universe with nothing more than a willing heart and keen eyes!
- Meet volunteer ranger and astronomer Pat Benson at the campground amphitheater.
- Seating provided, wheelchair accessible, and kid friendly.

Friday, July 31st: Campground Evening Program- Volcanoes of North America.

- 8:00pm; located at the Forest Service, Pine Grove Campground Amphitheater.
- Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings!
- Program conducted by volunteer park ranger Eric Zeliff.
- Approximately 45 minutes in length.
- Seating provided; wheelchair accessible; kid friendly.

Event Locations

Events take place throughout Flagstaff, AZ. Directions to events can be obtained on the web at www.nps.gov/sucr or you may call (928) 526-0502 for further information.

What to Know Before You Go

Temperatures can vary; wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather; all events will be held outside. Visitors should also plan on bringing sun protection, comfortable walking shoes, water and snacks, and a camera. On the account of inclement/dangerous weather events may be cancelled.

For additional information on events or directions look up Roving Ranger happenings through one of the following sources:

www.nps.gov/sucr
www.fs.usda.gov/coconino
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